HOUSE No. 1134

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the Town of Spencer to grant real and personal property tax abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and Reservist Units called to active duty and serving in a foreign country.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
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In	the	Year	Two	Thousand	and	Nine

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the Spencer Board of Assessors
- 2 is authorized to grant, retroactive to Fiscal Year 2010, real and personal property tax abatements, up to
- 3 100% of the total tax assessed, to our "citizen soldiers" of the Massachusetts National Guard and
- 4 Reservists on active duty and serving in foreign countries, for the fiscal year in which said military
- 5 personnel is on active service and serving in foreign countries, subject to eligibility criteria developed by
- 6 the Board of Assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this act shall expire after fiscal year
- 7 2020, unless specifically extended by a vote of Spencer's Board of Selectmen. Further, the General Court
- 8 may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves
- 9 amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and further, to authorize the Board of
- 10 Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this
- 11 petition.